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SUBJECT : GENERAL MAKOTO ONODERA
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The following memorandum has been furnished by CF-land, CE section of the police with a request that ONODERA be questioned along the lines indicated therein. The interrogation brief transmitted to Washington in the above referred to communication together with our previous recommendations contained in Cable 213, of 4 March 1946, and the following data, in our opinion, substantially covers all worthwhile personalities about whom General Onodera should be questioned from this area.

(SECRET)

Memorandum concerning the questioning of
Mr. Makoto Onodera, ex-Military Attaché,
Japanese subject.

In connection with the questioning in Germany on the 25th, 26th and 27th of March 1946 of some German subjects formerly employed as officials of the German Legation in Stockholm, among whom Heinz KRAMER, Secretary of the Legation, and Henrik Wenzlau, Assistant Air Attaché, such facts have transpired as to make the questioning of Mr. Makoto Onodera, late Japanese Army Attaché, highly desirable. We suggest that Mr. Onodera be questioned by American authorities. The following questions are essentially based on material obtained in connection with the above interrogations held in Germany.

KRAMER stated, among other things, that he used to collaborate with Onodera since the middle of 1943 and up to spring 1945, procuring illegal information in Sweden and that, among other things, he received two Allied situation reports from Onodera concerning Western Europe. One report was transmitted to him in autumn 1944, and the other one in February

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or March 1945. Both reports were provided with headings in Swedish, indicating their contents, and as Krämer, when being interrogated, had the opportunity of reaching the names of two Swedish officials mentioned by himself in Onodera's notebook, he thought himself justified in supposing those two reports originated from a Swedish authority. Besides the two above reports, Krämer states having received some 60-80 messages about the positions of Allied troops.

It has also become known that Onodera collaborated with, among others, Lieutenant Colonel Haalama and Colonel Paasonen of the Finnish General Staff and that he was in direct or indirect contact with an official of the French Legation by the name of Pierre Garnier.

In order to clarify the above circumstances, we should appreciate the following questions to be answered by Mr. Onodera:

A. Concerning contacts with Swedish officials.

1. What informants had Onodera among people attached to Swedish authorities (officers, non-commissioned officers, civil clerks, orderlies, etc.)
2. How often and under what circumstances did he meet these informants?
3. Who transmitted the above reports of Autumn 1944 and February or March 1945?
4. In case Onodera got any information, was it bartered or paid for?
5. In the former case - what did Onodera barter it for?
6. Were the reports transmitted orally, in writing, or as photographic copies?
7. What were their contents? We should appreciate a detailed explanation as to the origin of same.
8. Was Onodera in contact with anyone supposed to get information from Swedish officials?

B. Concerning communication with Haalama and Paasonen.

1. How and by whom were messages brought from Haalama-Paasonen to Onodera in Stockholm?
2. Had Haalama got an agent in Stockholm through whom he could get information of messages for the Swedish Foreign Office and other similar institutions?
3. Had the Japanese Intelligence Service the possibility of procuring information from various Swedish Legations abroad through Haalama in other ways and means? How was that done?

C. Contact with Garnier.

1. Direct or indirect contact?
2. What kind of information did Onodera get through Garnier and how had Garnier himself obtained it?

D. Swedish or foreign agents who worked for the Japanese Intelligence Service and who live or used to live in Sweden.

1. Does Onodera know the names of any such agents?
2. How were they working and what kind of information did Onodera obtain from them?
3. Does Onodera know Colonel Maasing, previously Estonian subject, and did he collaborate with him? Further details concerning this. Can Onodera state from where Maasing got his information?

E. What other Japanese residing in Sweden used to belong to the Japanese Intelligence Service in this country?

F. Did Onodera or the Japanese Intelligence Service in Sweden take over any German agents in connection with the German capitulation?

Was any money transferred from the German Intelligence Service to the Japanese at that time?

Were any secret documents transmitted?

Were any secret documents deposited for safe keeping with anyone in Sweden at the time of Onodera's departure from this country?

By way of summing up, it can be said that Onodera should be interrogated about everything of relevancy for the forming of an opinion of the activities of the Japanese and the German Intelligence Service in Sweden or concerning Sweden and particular efforts should be made in order to extract the names of Swedish citizens who either directly or via the intelligence service of any other country actually did supply such information.

Besides, Onodera should be asked if he knows anything about the Hungarian Intelligence Service and about (Mr.) Anton Béla Ferency Grundböck, former Hungarian subject, and if the latter actually did play an important part in the Hungarian military Intelligence Service. According to information emanating from British quarters, Onodera is supposed to have stated that Grundböck was in contact with various Swedish Legations and particularly with the Swedish Military Attaché in Berne, Switzerland.

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